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LEWIS: "THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, the C.I.A., is under investigation on several fronts, and there are persistent rumors that President Kennedy is going to effect a general clean-up, shake-up of the organization, which will include the replacement of Director Allen Dulles and at least two of his top assistants, Robert Amory and Richard Bissell, both of them social whirl figures with a flair for bizarre behavior and gay parties.

"The current issue of Newsweek Magazine carries a rather extensive article on the C.I.A., and its personalities, giving it the benefit in some of its past performances, but painting a pretty sorry picture in some aspects. For example this article says there is no doubt however that C.I.A. is saddled with too many spooks, pompous amateurs, more visible than numerous, often with great responsibilities. They toss out C.I.A. slang casually, surface for coming out from under cover, it was pure Brooks Brothers--later the trench coat and pork-pie hat. One veteran State Department official recalls the time when he was sitting on the terrace of the Hotel (Amzu?) in Berlin, making idle chatter about the C.I.A. with a friend, when a waiter poked him on the shoulder and whispered 'Past,'--the State Department man looked up and saw the waiter pointing to a table behind him--sure enough there sat the C.I.A. man, with trench coat and pork-pie hat.

"The article describes Director Allen Dulles as one of Washington's greatest party goers, and quotes a friend of Dulles as saying that outside of Mrs. Gwendolyn Cafritz, he has the busiest social calendar in town. Of interest about Robert Amory, whom I mentioned a few moments ago, he is a very extreme liberal in his political and social thinking, and takes pride in saying that he married a very wealthy woman and doesn't have to work anyway. And also, that he contributed \$200 to the defense fund for Alger Hiss. That, then is the topside of the super secret C.I.A., but it may lose some of its super secrecy and its cloak and dagger atmosphere as time goes on, because ominous things are beginning to happen.

"President Kennedy issued an executive order for a full-scale review of the entire foreign intelligence apparatus of the government, which means of course the C.I.A., and reconstituted his dormant board of consultants on foreign intelligence activities under broadened terms of reference, and appointed Dr. James R. Killian, of Massachusetts Institute of Technology as Chairman of the Board. He also appointed a group of other members, including retired Lt. General Jimmy Doolittle, former Undersecretary of State Robert Murphy, and retired General Maxwell D. Taylor. In the meantime, Senate majority leader Mike Mansfield said he is certain the Senate will vote to set up some sort of special watch-dog committee over the C.I.A., and its activities, and that such a committee would make an inquiry into the C.I.A.'s part in responsibility for the Cuban invasion fiasco, which the Agency financed and directed.

"The committee will not content itself with just this one inquiry, but rather would be a continuing group which would require periodic reports of C.I.A. activities along various lines."